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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' British representatives wish to emphasize the following Points in conjunction with the arguments in the response filed on November 16, 2007:

At page 3, line 16-17 of text with respect to the statement "... '949 does not require that any species comprehended thereby contain a tertiary carbon atom.", they would add :

It is not only that the '949 disclosure does not require the species to "contain" a tertiary carbon atom but also that it does not require that the species be "bonded to the phosphorous atom via any one of its tertiary carbon atoms", as currently claimed.

Page 4, first line of text with respect to the statement "Lastly, the adamantyl group is a cage structure as schematically shown above", they would add.

"949 does not teach that the cycloaliphatic group which contains 4-8 ring carbon atoms should be formed into a cage structure. In the absence of teaching to the contrary, it is submitted that the skilled person would anticipate a single ring structure. There is no teaching to:

1 enlarge the cycloaliphatic ring structure of C4-C8;

2 form it into a specific cage with

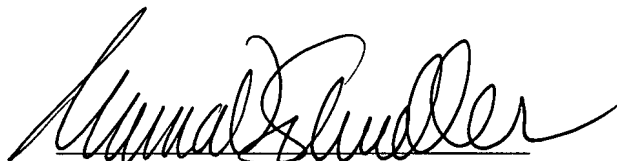
3 tertiary carbon atoms and

4 attach the adamantyl cage so formed to the Q1 or Q2 atom via one of the tertiary carbon atoms.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge and/or credit any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 22-0216, referencing our Docket No. 31229-213464.

Respectfully submitted,

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